

## A Sampling of State Constitutional Provisions on Education

State	Constitutional language regarding education
Arizona (Plaintiffs won lawsuit -- disparities in education financing violate constitutional provision on education)	"The legislature shall enact such laws as shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a general and uniform public school system, . . ."
Colorado (State won earlier lawsuit -- constitution does not require absolute equality in educational services or expenditures; supreme court allowed later "adequacy" lawsuit to go to trial)	"The general assembly shall . . . provide for the establishment and maintenance of a thorough and uniform system of free public schools throughout the state . . ."
New York (Plaintiffs won lawsuit based on constitutional language)	"The legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of this state may be educated."
Florida (State won lawsuit before constitution was amended in 1998)	"The education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. It is, therefore, a paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the education of all children residing within its borders. Adequate provision shall be made by law for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education . . ."
Utah (no litigation)	"The Legislature shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of the state's education systems . . ."